

Washita Battlefield

National Park Service
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Washita Battlefield National Historic Site
Cheyenne, Oklahoma



140th Anniversary Events December 4 and 6, 2008

All Events are Free

Saturday, December 6

Park Visitor Center on Highway 47A
One mile west of Cheyenne, OK

Schedule of Events

- 10:00 am - *Edward Wynkoop's Indian Years*
Louis Kraft
- 11:00 am - *Unveiling of Artwork* - Gordon Yellowman
- 11:15 am - *Southern Cheyenne Tipi Life*
Ken Weidner
- 1:00 pm - *Red Moon Singers*
from Hammon, OK
- 2:00 pm - *Cheyenne and Arapaho Book Project*
George Levi, Frank Mosqueda,
Eagle Runningwater, Jennie Whiteman



Children's Activities:

- Creating coup sticks while learning how warriors "counted coup" on their enemies
- Pioneer style silhouette drawing
- History Hunt
- Ledger Art



Other Activities

- 9:30 am - 3:30 pm:
- View an authentically furnished 1860s era tipi
- Cheyenne and Kiowa warrior presentations
- 7th U. S. Cavalry soldier in 1868 field gear
- Learn about the Cheyenne and Arapaho traditional uses of the buffalo and the tribes' current bison herd

The park visitor center will be open on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, the actual anniversary of the Washita attack.

For More Information
Washita BNHS
580-497-2742
www.nps.gov/waba

Thursday, December 4 7:00 pm

Long Road to Washita

A one-man play by Louis Kraft
Cheyenne High School Auditorium
110 E. Buster Ave



Louis Kraft, author and actor, will present a dramatic one-man play based on the life of Edward "Ned" Wynkoop. A conscientious military officer and Indian agent who befriended Chief Black Kettle, Wynkoop tried to persuade government authorities to do the right thing for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

Saturday, December 6 - 6:00 pm Special Program in Visitor Center Gallery with Dr. Henrietta Mann and Mark Gardner Reception Sponsored by Cheyenne - Roger Mills County Chamber of Commerce



Dr. Henrietta Mann, the first president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, and the great-granddaughter of the Washita survivor White Buffalo Woman, will be presenting *Remembering the Past with Hope for the Future: Washita, Education, and the Cheyenne Way of Life*



Mark Gardner, a historian from Cascade, Colorado has authored many books about western history, including a biography of George A. Custer and a booklet about Washita published by Western National Parks Association. Mr. Gardner will be presenting *"I Live in Hopes": The Relevance of Washita in 21st Century America*